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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Inventor(s)

Stelljes, Jr., et al.

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Examiner

D. J. Loney

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Customer No.

27752

Title

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents

P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows:

One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1) [X]

\$120.00

0 Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2) <u>\$</u>

Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) \$

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 16-2480.

Respectfully submitted,

THE PROCTER & GAMBLE COMPANY

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